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A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clauses (*f*) and (*g*) of question No. 539 answered on 24th February 1933 from which it will be seen that the reduction in the pay of village officers and menials ordered in the Government Order appended to the answer to the said question is to be permanent. The reduction did not apply to village officers and servants who held the posts at the time of the reduction was introduced.

Minor Irrigation

Construction of a permanent structure at Jedarpalayam for the diversion of the waters of the Cauvery into the Jedarpalayam channel.

* 78 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals to put up a permanent structure at Jedarpalayam in the Namakkal taluk of the Salem district to divert water from the Cauvery into the Jedarpalayam channel;

(*b*) if so, what they are; and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the existing temporary Korambu there is washed away often and results in failure of water in the channel very often and that too at critical times?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The answer to question (*a*) is in the negative.

(*c*) The Government are not aware that the facts are as suggested.

Reforms

Elections to the new Reformed Council.

* 79 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the elections for the new Reformed Legislative Council are likely to come;

(*b*) when the electoral rolls for the same are to be got ready;

(*c*) what the qualifications of a voter are for the general as well as the landholders' constituency; and

(*d*) in what way the constituencies are distributed in each district?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government are not yet in a position to say.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to section I of Part I of Appendix V to the White Paper.

(*d*) No definite decision has as yet been arrived at as to the manner in which constituencies should be delimited.